

**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

**NINTH REGULAR SESSION**

Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

6-14 August 2013

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**WCPFC-SC9-2013/02 (Rev.2)[[1]](#footnote-1)**

1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING**
   1. **Welcome address**
   2. **Meeting arrangements**
   3. **Issues arising from the Commission**
   4. **Adoption of agenda**
   5. **Reporting arrangements**
   6. **Intersessional activities of the Scientific Committee**
2. **REVIEW OF FISHERIES**
   1. **Overview of Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) fisheries**
   2. **Overview of Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) fisheries**
   3. **Annual Report (Part 1) from Members, Cooperating Non-Members, and Participating Territories (CCMs)**
   4. **Reports from regional fisheries bodies and other organizations**
3. **DATA AND STATISTICS THEME**
   1. **Data gaps**
      1. Data gaps of the Commission
      2. Species composition of purse-seine catches
      3. Data issues with the ISC
   2. **Regional Observer Programme**
4. **STOCK ASSESSMENT THEME** 
   1. **WCPO tunas**
      1. **WCPO bigeye tuna**
         1. Review of research and information
      2. Progress on Project 70
      3. Progress on Project 69
      4. Progress report on Project 35 (Refinement of bigeye parameters Pacific-wide)
      5. Indicator analysis for key tuna species
         1. Provision of scientific information
5. Status and trends
6. Management advice and implications
   * 1. **WCPO yellowfin tuna**
        1. Review of research and information
        2. Provision of scientific information
7. Status and trends
8. Management advice and implications
   * 1. **WCPO skipjack tuna**
        1. Review of research and information
        2. Provision of scientific information
9. Status and trends
10. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **South Pacific albacore tuna**
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
11. Status and trends
12. Management advice and implications
    1. **Northern stocks**
       1. **North Pacific albacore tuna** 
          1. Review of research and information
          2. Provision of scientific information
13. Status and trends
14. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **Pacific bluefin tuna** 
         1. Review of research and information
15. Review of 2012 stock assessment
    * + 1. Provision of scientific information
16. Status and trends
17. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **North Pacific swordfish**
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
18. Status and trends
19. Management advice and implications
    1. **WCPO sharks**
       1. **Oceanic whitetip shark**
          1. Review of research and information
          2. Provision of scientific information
20. Status and trends
21. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **Silky shark**
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
22. Status and trends
23. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **South Pacific blue shark**
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
24. Status and trends
25. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **North Pacific blue shark**
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
26. Status and trends
27. Management advice and implications
    1. **WCPO billfishes**
       1. **South Pacific swordfish**
          1. Review of research and information
28. Review of 2013 stock assessment
    * + 1. Provision of scientific information
29. Status and trends
30. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **Southwest Pacific striped marlin**
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
31. Status and trends
32. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **North Pacific striped marlin**
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
33. Status and trends
34. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **Other billfishes**
         1. Pacific blue marlin
35. **MANAGEMENT ISSUES THEME** 
    1. **Limit reference points for the WCPFC**
       1. Review of Project 57 (Research related to the development of limit reference points)
    2. **Development of WCPFC Management objectives**
       1. Review of the draft document on management framework options
    3. **Target reference points and harvest control rules for the WCPFC**
       1. Review of research and information
    4. **Implementation of CMM 2012-01**
       1. Request to review alternative reduction of FAD sets
       2. Other issues
36. **ECOSYSTEM AND BYCATCH MITIGATION THEME**
    1. **Ecosystem effects of fishing**
       1. Review of research and information
    2. **Sharks** 
       1. Shark Research Plan
       2. Review of CMM for Sharks
37. CMM 2010-07 (CMM for Sharks)
38. CMM 2011-04 (CMM for oceanic whitetip shark)
39. CMM 2012-04 (CMM for protection of whale sharks from purse seine fishing operations)
40. Guidelines for safe release of encircled animals
    * 1. International cooperation on shark issues
    1. **Seabirds**
    2. **Sea turtles**
    3. **Other species and issues**
       1. FAD bycatch mitigation
       2. Food security issues with bycatch
41. **OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS**
    1. **West Pacific East Asia Oceanic Fisheries Management Project**
    2. **Pacific Tuna Tagging Project**
42. **COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS**
43. **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES AND PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES**
44. **FUTURE WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET**
    1. **Review of the Scientific Committee Work Programme**
    2. **Development of the 2014 Work Programme and budget, and projection of 2015-2016 provisional Work Programme and indicative budget**
45. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**
    1. **Rules of Procedure**
    2. **Peer review of stock assessments**
    3. **Future operation of the Scientific Committee** 
       1. Future structure of the SC
       2. Review of scientific aspects of the Commission’s Independent Performance Review
       3. Review of Annual Report – Part I template
       4. Resolution 2012-01
    4. **Election of Officers of the Scientific Committee**
    5. **Next meeting**
46. **OTHER MATTERS**
47. **ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT OF THE NINTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**
48. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

1. No substantial changes. The order of Agenda 5.2 and 5.3 and the order of Agenda Item 4.1 – 4.4 were switched. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)